

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Paw Paw Creek Bridge No. 52

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: INDIANA, Miami

DATE RECEIVED: 8/31/15  
DATE OF 16TH DAY:  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/16/15

REFERENCE NUMBER: 83000008

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	N	LANDSCAPE:	N	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	N	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	N	SAMPLE:	N	SLR DRAFT:	N	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10-13-15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 10-13-15

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

# DNR

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

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Michael R. Pence, Governor  
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August 24, 2015

Dr. Stephanie Toothman  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service 2280  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20005



Re: Paw Paw Creek Bridge #52, Paw Paw Pike over Paw Paw Creek, Chili vicinity, Miami County, IN

Dear Ms. Shull,

We have been informed that the above property has been dismantled and moved. The property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on September 30, 1983.

The bridge was heavily damaged on April 9, 2001 by a falling tree. The bridge components were removed from the creek bed and put into storage. DHPA hoped the bridge might be rebuilt. It is now clear, after fourteen years, that the bridge will not be rebuilt on its original site. While we remain open to the possibility of relisting of the bridge on a new site, as it is, the bridge would need to be reassembled in an appropriate location and still retain a majority of its components and materials. At this point, we believe we are compelled to proceed with the delisting process.

In accordance with 36 CFR 60.14(b), we are requesting that the property be removed from the National Register of Historic Places. Please address any questions you or your staff may have about this property to Paul Diebold.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Diebold  
Assistant Director for Preservation Services

PCD:pcd

copy: file

enclosures: e-mail correspondence, letter from owner





**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received **AUG 18 1983**

date entered

**1. Name**

historic Paw Paw Creek Bridge #52

and/or common Same

**2. Location**

street & number Paw Paw Pike, R. R. 1

N/A not for publication

city, town Chili ☒ vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Miami code 103

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Miami County Commissioners

street & number Miami County Courthouse

city, town Peru N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46970

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Miami County Recorder's Office

street & number Courthouse, Broadway and Main

city, town Peru state Indiana

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

## 7. Description

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved date N/A

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Paw Paw Creek Bridge is located in a rural area on a tree-lined creek, within sight of the Paw Paw United Methodist Church, a one-story, frame structure built in 1846.

The bridge is a 111 foot by 21 foot, wrought iron structure of Bow-string arch construction with a vertical clearance of 12 feet, four inches. Built in 1874, the single span, through-truss structure crosses Paw Paw Creek near County Roads 800 North and 600 East.

The bridge has nine panels. The original bridge abutments were made of stone; however, the south abutment was replaced by one of concrete in 1921.

When the bridge was re-floored in 1921, a new plank subfloor was added, along with tar-soaked wood block for the final floor. In 1980 the bridge was again re-floored and new steel stringers were installed, in addition to new guard rails. The seven ton capacity structure is painted green and white.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1874 **Builder/Architect** Wrought Iron Bridge Company

### Statement of Significance (~~Minimum paragraph~~)

The Paw Paw Creek Bridge is significant because it is the only bridge of Bow-string arch construction in Miami County, and one of only three or four through trusses of this type in the state.

In 1874, the County Commissioners decided on the location of a new brige. It was to be immediately south of the Paw Paw United Methodist Church on Paw Paw Pike, crossing Paw Paw Creek. At this point there is a break in the high, north bank which greatly reduced the need for grading and filling for the approachments. They contracted William Hartshorn for building the abutments. He was paid \$1,534.80 for his work.

The Wrought Iron Bridge Company, of Canton, Ohio, was awarded the contract for the bridge proper on June 4, 1874. According to old records at the Miami County Court House, the company later built other bridges in this county. This bridge, which is the only Bow arch type remaining in Miami County, provided a shorter route to Peru and other points for the people of the Paw Paw area.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see continuation sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Roann, Indiana

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 16 5817 1010 4525 5610  
Zone Easting Northing

B                    
Zone Easting Northing

C                  

D                  

E                  

F                  

G                  

H                  

Verbal boundary description and justification Miami County Bridge #52, 0.3 miles south of Road 100 North, including its abutments and 10 feet of the right-of-way of Paw Paw Pike at each end.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert Huffman

organization N/A

date August 8, 1979

street & number R. R. 3

telephone 317/985-2386

city or town Peru

state Indiana 46970

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

   national    state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature J. M. Redman

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date 8-4-83

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Linda McCalland  
Keeper of the National Register

date 9.30.83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
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date entered

Continuation sheet Paw Paw Creek Bridge #52 Item number 9 Page 1

Contract between Wrought Iron Bridge Company and Miami County Commissioners, Common Record, Book K (Miami County Courthouse).

Kingman Brothers, New Historical Atlas of Miami County. Chicago: Kingman Brothers, 1877.

Miami County Commissioners, Structure Inventory and Appraisal Sheet, Bridge #52, August 14, 1972.

Warrant for payment to William Hartshorn, Common Record Book K (Miami County Courthouse).



## EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Paw Paw Church, Cemetery, and Bridge  
 State, County: IN, Miami  
 Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 2-5-82-344  
 Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Due: 3-5-82 / 3-22-82  
 Action: ACCEPT  
RETURN 3/22/82  
REJECT

- ☐ resubmission  
☒ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

photos 5  
 maps 1

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments: The three resources should be nominated and justified separately. Church has problem of integrity due to vinyl siding in 1980 and interior remodeling at various times. Cemetery does not appear linked to church and is not discussed as exception, and may not have sufficient significance and integrity for listing. Bridge appears eligible, while cemetery and church need further info on significance and integrity of church + cemetery. There historical associations together, they may be nominated together, but I'm not sure there's sufficient integrity. C.

Recom./Criteria Return  
 Reviewer L. McClelland  
 Discipline A. Historical  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☒ technical corrections cited below  
☒ substantive reasons discussed below

## 1. Name

## 2. Location

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

## 4. Owner of Property

## 5. Location of Legal Description

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has the property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

## 7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
— excellent	— deteriorated	— original site
— good	— ruins	— moved
— fair	— unrestored	— date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance:

☒ summary paragraph

☒ completeness

☒ clarity

☒ alterations/integrity

☒ dates

☒ boundary resection

Each resource should have been nominated separately. If common historic origins and associations can be established, church and cemetery could be nominated jointly in a single nomination.

alterations to facade and overall loss of integrity for church need discussion. Further description and discussion of integrity need for cemetery.

## X 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_

Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☒ summary paragraph
- ☒ completeness
- ☒ clarity
- ☒ applicable criteria
- ☒ justification of areas checked
- ☒ relating significance to the resource
- ☒ context
- ☒ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☒ justification of exception
- ☒ other

See letter. - Cemetery and church are not justified as exceptions and do not appear to possess sufficient integrity or significance for listing.

Bridge appears eligible but needs to be resubmitted on separate form with more detailed description and statement of significance.

## ✓ 9. Major Bibliographical References

## X 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

Date needs revision according to division of resources ~~for~~ separate forms for resubmission.

## ✓ 11. Form Prepared By

## ✓ 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is

\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_

## ✓ 13. Other

- ☒ Maps
- ☒ Photographs

~~X~~ Separate Nomination for bridge is recommended, on a separate form.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Linda McQuinn

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: 202 272-3504

Why does not appeal to warrant  
accepted to DR criteria. Although  
it dates back to mid. 1800s,  
~~the integrity for significance~~  
~~has been~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~altered~~ by continued  
use and ~~additional~~ <sup>inter</sup>gration;  
the persons buried there  
are of transcendent importance;  
~~nor does the cemetery~~  
~~possess~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~illustrate~~ distinctive  
design features. Nor is it  
associated w/ a historic  
event.

What were its historic associations  
with church? Are there sufficient  
associations and integrity for  
nominating the two together?

According to information provided  
in nomination, I'm inclined to  
believe only the bridge is  
individually eligible. Church  
~~and cemetery~~ lacks ~~integrity~~ for  
listing under C. Cemetery fails  
to exhibit qualities that make  
cemetaries eligible as exceptions to  
criteria. These three resources don't  
seem to form a district, although  
they share geographical location "visual-  
relationships, and apparently are  
all that's left of Pair-Pair. This  
is complicated. Therefore, questions  
as to what might <sup>make</sup> resources in combination  
or individually eligible should be resolved  
before submitting for review. (me.)



Following questions need to be answered:

What is the historical association of the church and the cemetery?

What was the church's historic appearance? How does the facade and front entrance, today, differ from its 19th century appearance?

How does the church's integrity compare with that of other rural churches in the region and the state of the same period and style?

What other examples of this style and form of rural frame church exist regionally or statewide?

~~Considering the~~ Considering the church's loss of integrity due to tingy siding, interior remodeling, how does it meet NR criteria for architectural merit?

Does the foundation date to original building or to the stone in 1903?

What are church's significant distinguishing architectural features.

(Note: historical associations discussed in text do not warrant exception to NR criteria on basis of historical importance, eligibility must be based on architectural merit and integrity.)

MM

2nd Review

Paw Paw Church, Cemetery and Bridge.

I think cemetery is obviously connected historically with Church but #8 should state this explicitly. Agree w most of first reviewers comments re: deficiencies of #8. Cemetery is not justified at all. Church may not be eligible because of vinyl siding. This is major point for conference discussion. Church needs ~~architectural~~ Statement of architectural significance and a great deal of context to establish what "Fine example of Antebellum Protestant church construction" really means. I think more context should be provided — and it is probably available — for the bridge. I have no problem with the 3 being nominated on one form since they are contiguous.

E. J. Saxe  
3-9-82



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Paw Paw Creek Bridge #52  
Miami County  
INDIANA

Substantive Review

- ☒ resubmission - *sent as separate review*  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Working No. 8/8/83  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84  
Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/2/83  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9/30/83  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*This 1874 bridge by Wrought Iron Bridge Co. of Canton, Ohio, is only one-string arch bridge in the county and one of 3 or 4 through trusses of this type in Indiana.*

Recom./Criteria Accept  
Reviewer L.A. O'Connell  
Discipline Arch. History  
Date 9.30.83

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- |                                    |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period      Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates      Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

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**13. Other**

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

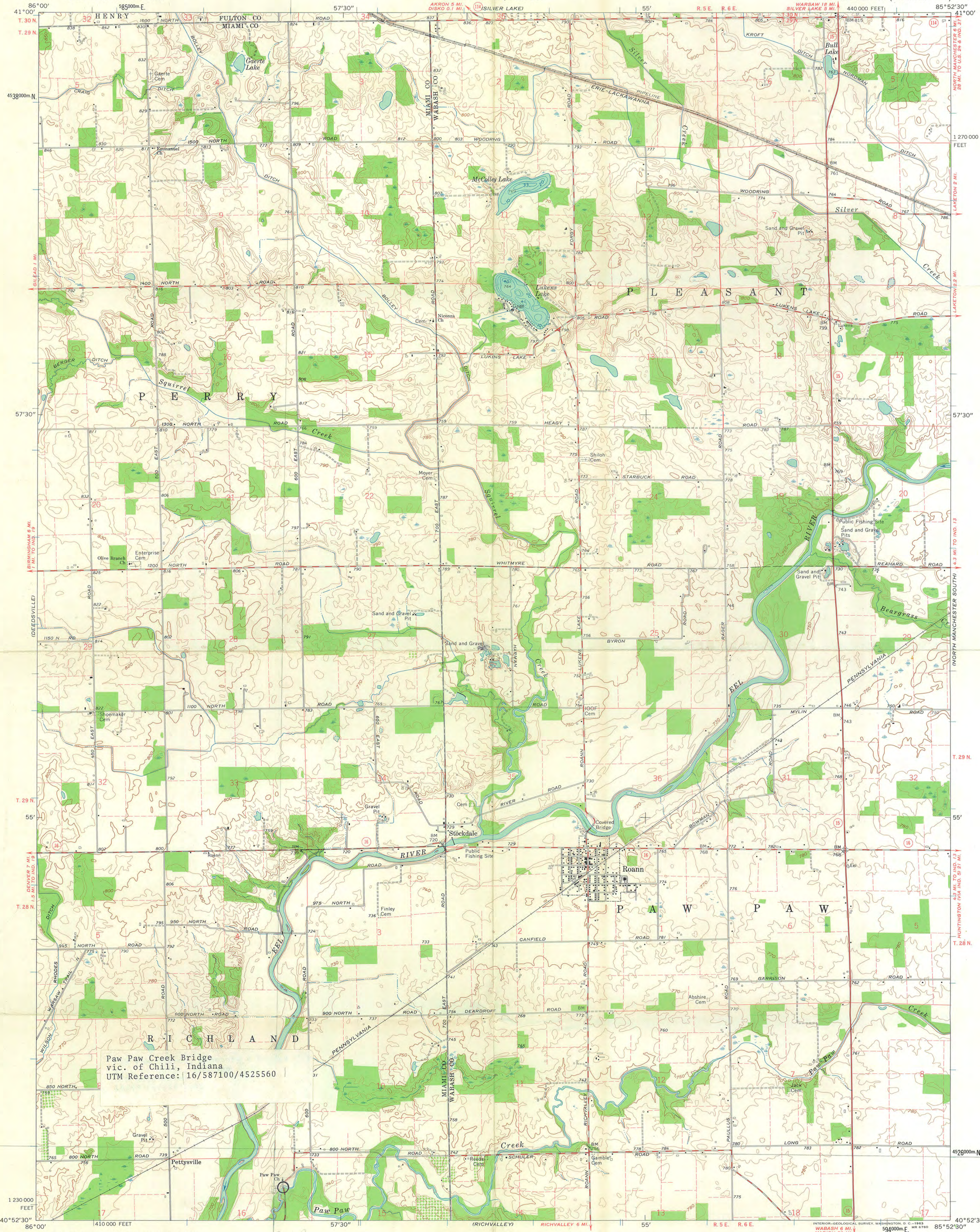
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



Paw Paw Creek Bridge  
R#1 Denver, Ind 46926  
on Paw Paw Pike at Miami  
County Road numbers 800 N & 600 E.  
photo by Raymond Rush  
taken Nov. 1980  
negative at Rush Studio  
R#3 Peru, Ind 46970  
camera at south west corner of bridge  
facing towards north  
photo # ~~10-5~~ ~~5761A~~ 10/1 FEB 5 - 1982





Paw Paw Creek Bridge  
vic. of Chili, Indiana  
UTM Reference: 16/587100/4525560

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Indiana coordinate system, east zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 16, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked  
Depth curves compiled from USGS-Indiana Department of Conservation  
lake charts

APPROXIMATE MEAN  
DECLINATION, 1961

SCALE 1:24,000  
1 000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET  
1 KILOMETER  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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AND INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
State Route ———

ROANN, IND.  
N4052.5-W8552.5/7.5

1961





# STATE OF INDIANA



INDIANAPOLIS, 46204

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JAMES M. RIDENOUR  
DIRECTOR

Division of Historic Preservation  
Indiana State Museum  
202 North Alabama Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

August 10, 1983

Carol D. Shull  
Acting Chief of Registration  
D O I  
W 434  
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is a National Register Nomination for the Paw Paw Creek Bridge #52, Paw Paw Pike, R. R. 1, in the vicinity of Chili, Miami County, Indiana.

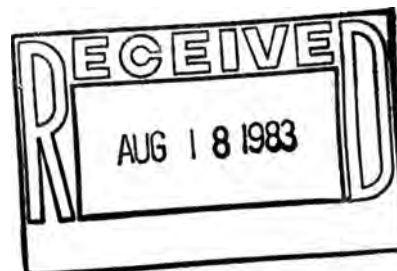
The Indiana Professional Review Board reviewed the nomination, and voted to recommend its inclusion in the National Register.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Gantz".

Richard A. Gantz  
Assistant to the  
State Historic Preservation Officer

RAG:dmp



## Daleiden, Michelle

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**From:** Carr, John  
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2001 8:14 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jon; Hurdis, Frank; Diebold, Paul; Jones, Rick; Kennedy, Steve; Duvall, Dave; Daleiden, Michelle; Brudis, Karie  
**Subject:** FW: Bridge 52 Miami County: Destroyed in wind storm

FYI. This must be the bridge about which Frank, if I recall correctly, received a call a few weeks ago.

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Cooper [mailto:jlcooper@ccrtc.com]  
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2001 7:10 PM  
To: Kenneth Einselen  
Cc: John Carr; Todd Zeiger; Marsh Davis; Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko  
Subject: Re: Bridge 52 Miami County: Destroyed in wind storm

Ken Einselen -

I returned a few days ago from a three-week trip to Australia, which I hope explains why it has taken me so long to respond to your distressing news about the Paw Paw Bridge (#52). I very much appreciate that you took the time to tell me of this "act of God" to one of the state's most important historic bridges.

I was aware that the bridge was taken out of service some years ago, and I hear your statement that the county does not anticipate "any repair or restoration work" on the structure.

When I returned to hoosierland and got your message, I called John Camden, the state's leading metal-bridge restoration contractor who happens to live close to Miami County, and I asked him to visit the bridge and to report on its current condition to me. He reported to me tonight that the bridge has been severely damaged but can be repaired.

At this point I am less concerned about the future site and owner of the structure than I am about the bridge's survival. There are fewer than a half-dozen bowstring-arch trusses left in Indiana, and this is the single example of Wrought Iron Bridge Company design and fabrication. Furthermore, only about a dozen spans survive in the state from the 1870s.

Thus the primary and most immediate requirement is to pull the remains of the structure carefully from the creek in order to provide for their ultimate restoration and reerection some place in Indiana. In the best of circumstances, this could be accomplished by county forces under the direction of a restoration expert like John Camden. If, on the other hand, the county authorities stand by the judgment you declared not to undertake "any repair or restoration work" and are therefore determined to scrap the structure, then I would ask you and the other county authorities to allow John Camden to remove the damaged trusses from harms way on his own without charge to the county, leaving all removal and restoration charges to the bridge's future owners.

I hope that the thrust of my message is clear enough. The first priority is to "save" the bridge. In my book, this comes well ahead of whether the county continues to own and maintain the bridge, whether it remains in Miami County under a different owner, or whether it is moved somewhere else in the state. The arrangements presented above do not address these secondary questions. They require only that the county owners allow for the structure's survival. If you wish to discuss this by phone, please feel free to call me at 765.672.4883 or pursue this conversation electronically.

Shalom!

Jim

P. S. Please note my preferred email address.

----- Original Message -----

From: jimcooper <jimcooper@DEPAUW.EDU>

To: <jlcooper@ccrtc.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2001 10:12 AM

Subject: FWD: Bridge 52 Miami County: Destroyed in wind storm

> >===== Original Message From Kenneth L Einselen <in52engr@juno.com> =====

> Bridge #52 in Miami County was constructed in 1875 and was destroyed by a  
> falling tree late Monday night, April 9th, 2001. The east compression  
> chord of the structure was broken in three places during the fall.

> Miami County does not anticipate any repair or resoration work for this  
> structure. The bridge was taken out of public service in 1993 when a  
> replacement structure was constructed about 100 feet upstream.

> Kenneth Einselen  
> Miami County Highway Engineer

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## Diebold, Paul

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**From:** Brent Martin <brent@srkmarch.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 8:57 AM  
**To:** Carr, John  
**Cc:** Vanaman, Malia; Duvall, Dave; Johnson, Amy (DNR); Slider, Chad (DNR); jlcooper@ccrtc.com; 'Paul Brandenburg'; Diebold, Paul; mayor@plymouthin.com; cityattorney@plymouthin.com  
**Subject:** RE: New topic [Miami Co bowstring arch now in yard of Camden Construction]

Thanks so much for the email and documentation, John.

I have spoken to Camden Construction where the bridge presently resides. I am pretty confident it is bridge #52 from Miami County. By way of background, in Plymouth, Indiana there is a greenway trail ultimately connecting five (5) city parks and containing a total of 5 pedestrian bridges over the Yellow River. Plymouth, like many cities, has utilized TE funding for the phases of this trail project. Presently, a phase is funded that will hopefully begin construction next year. The next phase (yet to be funded) contains a pedestrian bridge in the downtown area and it occurred to me this location might be prime for the restoration/relocation of a historic bridge. Therefore, the outreach to Camden Construction. The span of bridge #52 appears to be about right for the location, although this needs to be verified. I had no idea of the historic importance of this particular bridge. Outstanding! Makes me wonder if INDOT would be amenable to increasing the budget for the present phase to include this bridge.

Last week I met with the Mayor and City Attorney on a separate project, but mentioned the possibility of a historic bridge. So, I have copied them this email and will send them your attachments.

I will re-connect with Camden Construction and see if I might take some photos of the structure in its present location/condition. That would be helpful I think.

Thanks again!

Brent Martin

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Brent,

After Chad copied me on his reply to you below, I thought I'd see if I could identify this bridge in Dr. James L. Cooper's 1987 book, *Iron Monuments to Distant Posterity: Indiana's Metal Bridges, 1870-1930*, because bowstring arches are very rare. There I found an entry for Miami County Bridge No. 52 (Paw Paw Creek Bridge), which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the time and ostensibly still is, although its collapse and removal from its historical location would seem to require its removal from the National Register. I'm guessing that its fate was not reported to the Keeper of the Register.

I also went to files we keep with bridge survey data, compiled largely—and painstakingly—by Dr. Cooper. I've attached the HAER inventory card he prepared for the Miami No. 52, as well as a copy of an e-mail exchange between him and the Miami county engineer.

Based on the information in that e-mail, I think the bowstring arch bridge you saw is very likely Miami No. 52.

If the City of Plymouth is planning to apply to INDOT for Federal Highway Administration funds for a trail or trail extension, and if this bridge is available for relocation, it would seem logical to include the rehabilitation, relocation, and reassembly of the bridge in the application for funding.

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Hi Brent,

Malia forwarded your message for assistance. Our office is obviously supportive of the reuse of historic bridges which have been removed or dismantled or can no longer serve in their original location or capacity. If this project would not involve federal or state funds, licenses or permits, we would have no official role in reviewing it. INDOT also has a bridge website where it offers historic bridges for relocation <http://www.in.gov/indot/2532.htm>. These type of bridges are frequently considered for relocation to parks and trail systems. The appropriateness of the new location for a historic bridge is sometimes a consideration that comes under our purview, if it is part of an agreement for its removal in the first place, or again if there will be federal or state funding.

I hope this helps. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

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Malia,

The City of Plymouth as part of its greenway trail system has several pedestrian bridges over the Yellow River.

One pedestrian bridge is proposed about 200 feet east of the existing Michigan Street bridge over the river, which is in the downtown area.

It occurred to me the re-purposing of a historic bridge might be a nice thing to do at this location – so I've done a bit of looking around and the attached really bad photograph is something I found interesting.

This bridge has a 110 foot span, so it will not require a pier in the river which tends to make IDEM and DNR happier. And it's 14 feet wide, which works well for pedestrians. It is an 1874 bow string bridge originally from Miami County and now located at Camden Construction in their yard.

I'm curious as to what DHPA may think of this idea before I go pitching it to the Mayor.

Any thoughts on this?

Thanks!

Brent Martin